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Dear Members of the Washington State Building Code Council;

Fire Sprinklers should be a voluntary choice left to the homebuyer/consumer and not a regulated requirement.

Changes over the last 30 years in residential construction technology, improved building code requirements (especially for electrical and smoke alarm systems) consumer behavior and concerted efforts by fire fighters, home builders and other safety advocates have resulted in a dramatic drop in the number of fatal home fires. (These were not in new homes but older homes that do not have the same construction that we do today)

New home are safer than ever. The features in newer homes (hardwire, smoke detectors, improved electrical systems, better heating systems and insulation requirements, fire separation and fire stopping and escape windows in the bedrooms) protect the home and occupants for the life of the home, unlike holder homes that were not constructed with these important design features.

Again, this should be a voluntary choice and not a regulated requirement.

Thank You,

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